Late-Breaking Abstracts
- Submission Guidelines & Form -

The Scientific Program Committee of the WOC welcomes the submission of abstracts for presentation during the special Late-Breaking Abstract Symposium at the World Ophthalmology Congress, February 5-9, 2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The WOC recognizes that some rapidly advancing investigations may include results that were not available at the time of the abstract submission deadline of June 1, 2015. A Late-Breaking abstract should highlight novel and substantive studies of high impact. The goal is to enrich the WOC with outstanding studies that were completed after the general abstract submission deadline.

The WOC will allow authors to submit their Late-Breaking research for consideration for the 2016 scientific meeting program; however authors should carefully consider the following important information before submitting a Late-Breaking Abstract:

- Late-Breaking abstracts will be considered for oral presentation only.
- All abstracts must be submitted in English only.
- Only 11 abstracts from the Late-Breaking category will be selected for oral presentation to be scheduled on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 08:30-10:00am.
- Late-Breaking abstracts not accepted for presentation will NOT be considered for any other type of presentation format (poster, e-poster, poster discussion or oral) and will not be part of the annual meeting program.
- Late-Breaking abstracts accepted for oral presentation will not be included in the printed Program Book; however, they may be published online and included in the event mobile app.
- Late-Breaking abstracts will not be considered for awards.
- This category is not intended to offer a second deadline for regular abstract submissions. Revisions to previously rejected abstracts will not be considered.
- Registration for the Congress is required when presenting an abstract. To register for the Congress, please visit: www.woc2016.org.

To submit a Late-Breaking abstract, the following criteria must be met:

- The Late-Breaking abstracts submission site will open December 2, 2015, and will close December 16, 2015 at 19.00 PT.
- During submission, authors of Late-Breaking abstracts will be asked to explain why their abstract was not ready by the regular deadline (June 1) and deserves to be considered as Late-Breaking. This information will be available to reviewers.
- A presenting author may submit only one Late-Breaking abstract for consideration. Presenting authors are allowed to submit an abstract for the Late-Breaking session even if they already have an accepted abstract in the WOC program.
- Late-Breaking abstracts will undergo regular peer-review evaluation.
Late-Breaking abstracts should highlight novel and substantive studies of high impact. Examples of suitable Late-Breaking abstracts might include the results of a practice-changing prospective clinical trial or the discovery of a mechanism underlying or characterizing a disease process, which were not fully available by the general abstract submission deadline.

- Presenting author will be required to pay the applicable registration fee.
- **Authors will be notified by January 6, 2016 if their abstract has been accepted for presentation.** Please note after January 10, 2016, the registration fees increase by US$50-200 (varies by registration category). The lower rates will NOT be available to accepted authors after the January 10th deadline. To register for the Congress, please visit [www.woc2016.org](http://www.woc2016.org).
- **Important note:** previously published or presented abstracts will not be accepted. Please read the guidelines below before attempting to submit, as there is information that you will need to gather prior to accessing the software.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Do not include any figures, tables, charts, references or illustrations. Avoid statements like "Results will be discussed," which may lead to rejection of the abstract. All abstracts must not exceed 400 words in length for the body text and written in English. The title of the subject should be no more than 30 words in English.

Abstract submissions can only be made via email. Abstracts may not be submitted by fax or any other means.

[Click here for the Late-Breaking Abstract Submission Form](#). Please send your **completed** form to the WOC2016 Secretariat at scientificprogram@icoph.org. **To ensure a fair and complete review and that your details are correctly and completely entered into the scientific program software, we will have to reject any forms that are missing information.**

In the subject line of your submission email, please enter **WOC2016 Late-Breaking Abstract Submission Form**.

Once submitted, no changes may be made to your submission. Please make sure all the submitted information is accurate before emailing your abstract.

**Author Agreements**

By submitting an abstract, the author confirms and agrees to the following:

1. All authors approve submitting this work for presentation.
2. The authors have done the work reported in the abstract and take full responsibility for the contents.
3. The authors transfer non-exclusive copyright of the submitted abstract to the World Ophthalmology Congress (WOC) and the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).
4. The authors agree to confine their presentation to the topic in the abstract.
5. The presenting author is required to attend the Congress to present the abstract if selected for the program.
6. The presenting author should immediately notify the WOC Scientific Program Committee if he/she is unable to make a presentation or if the presenting author must be changed.
7. If an individual replaces the presenting author, that individual may not be the presenting author of another submitted abstract.
8. The authors guarantee that clinical studies and any animal tests have proceeded with the official approval by the relevant institutional review board, and any other relevant authorities.
9. The author is responsible for using correct grammar and spelling, but the Scientific Program Committee reserves the right to edit abstracts for grammar and spelling.

Classification of Presentations

- Cataract and Lens Surgery
- Contact Lens and Refraction
- Cornea, External Eye Diseases, and Eye Banking
- Education
- Evidence-Based Medicine
- Eye Care Delivery
- Eye Trauma and Emergencies
- Glaucoma
- Interdisciplinary
- Journal Editors
- Low Vision and Rehabilitation
- Neuro-ophthalmology
- Ocular Imaging
- Ophthalmic Epidemiology
- Ophthalmic Oncology
- Ophthalmic Pathology and Microbiology
- Ophthalmic Pharmacology
- Orbital, Oculoplastic, and Lacrimal Diseases
- Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
- Refractive Surgery
- Retina
- Uveitis
- Visual Sciences
- World Forum for Sight

Publication

The abstracts may be published electronically. Abstracts should be submitted in clear and concise English. The author is responsible for using correct grammar and spelling, but the Scientific Program Committee reserves the right to edit abstracts for grammar and spelling.

Evaluation

Abstracts will be reviewed for their structure, content, perceived value to WOC2016 registrants and degree of innovation. All decisions are final.

Financial Disclosure

Presenters at the WOC2016 (including poster sessions) will be required to disclose any financial interests related to the presentations. Guidelines for disclosure will be provided.

Registration and Travel Costs

According to the policy of the ICO and the WOC, all participants in the scientific program will be responsible for their own registration fees, hotel and travel expenses. Since all of participants, including all those in leadership positions, are covering their own expenses, we regret that we cannot waive registration fees or cover expenses for any Scientific Program
Committee members, including Coordinators, Chairs, Speakers or Participants. By doing this, the WOC2016 ensures all financial surpluses go to supporting the very worthwhile programs and initiatives of the ICO and SMO.

QUESTIONS?

For questions related to abstract submission or the scientific program, please email: scientificprogram@icoph.org

For questions related to Congress registration, please email: woc2016@servimed.com.mx

Thank you!